

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2005-125-G - ORDER NO. 2005-266  
MAY 20, 2005

IN RE:	Notice of Election of Piedmont Natural Gas	)	ORDER GRANTING
	Company, Inc. for Application of the Natural	)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
	Gas Stabilization Act to its Rates and	)	VICE
	Charges.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of James H. Jeffries IV, Esquire, for admission to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. If the Application is granted, Jeffries would appear before the Commission as counsel for Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont) in the hearing on Docket No. 2005-125-G relating to the election of Piedmont for application of the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act to Piedmont's rates and charges. The hearing on this matter is presently not scheduled.

Jeffries is an attorney who practices with the law firm of Moore & Van Allen, PLLC in Charlotte, North Carolina and is a member in good standing of the State of North Carolina bar, according to the application. Further, Jeffries is a member of the bars of a number of Federal Courts. Local counsel of record associated with Jeffries is Kerry McTigue of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, LLP. Additionally, Jeffries has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South

Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed and that the necessary affirmation has been made. We believe that Jeffries meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2005-125-G *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted. We would note that affirmation has been received from the South Carolina Supreme Court that the necessary fee has been paid (SCACR 404).

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire is a member in good standing of the State of North Carolina bar, and James H. Jeffries, IV, has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2005-125-G, for which a date has not presently been scheduled.

2. Proper application has been filed, and the necessary affirmation has been made as required by SCACR 404.

3. Jeffries has associated South Carolina counsel.

4. The Application for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

#### **ORDER**

The Application of James H. Jeffries, IV, Esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing to be scheduled for Docket No. 2005-125-G is granted.

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